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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the valuable spectrum has been occupied by the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, whether its vacation of its spectrum is key to network extension;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Communications and IT have written to defence Ministry over the non availability of spectrum and its effect on future of Indian telecommunication; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) Defence services have some of their operations in the frequency bands which are used for mobile telecommunication services. Some spectrum had been coordinated/ released by defence services.

Defence services have been requested to coordinate and release more spectrum for unimpeded growth of mobile telecommunication services by shifting of certain Defence wireless links between fixed locations to alternate media like Optical Fibre Cable (OFC).